

## Commentary

### Lebensohl Over Reverses

1. 1♣-1♠-2♥-2♠-3♠-P South's 2♠ bid shows 5-8 with 5 spades. North invites. South declines.
2. 1♣-1♠-2♥-3N-P South shows 4 spades and 12 to a bad 15 hcp.
3. P-1♣-1♠-2♥-2♠-3♣-P Clubs should be a safer contract than NT.
4. P-1♦-1♠-2♥-2N-3♥-3N-4♦-5♦-P North's 3N shows 4 spades, stops in the black suits, and a bad 12 hcp or less. South's 4♦ bid says he's interested in slam. If North had a black ace, he should cue-bid it. Having no ace, North shows his preference for diamonds.
5. 1♣-1♠-2♦-2♠-2N-P 2N shows 16-18. If South had the queen of clubs rather than the queen of diamonds, 3N would be cold.
6. P-1♦-1♠-2♥-2♠-2N-P 2N shows 16-18.
7. 1♦-1♥-2♠-3♠-4♦-4♥4N-5♠-5N-7♠ 3♠ shows 4 spades and at least a good 8 points. The 4♦ cue-bid shows a diamond control and slam interest. 4♥ shows a heart control and slam interest. It also promises a club control, since North denied a club control by skipping clubs to bid 4♦. 4N is RKC; 5♠ shows 2 key cards plus the spade queen. 5N asks for kings, but more importantly guarantees that the partnership has all the key cards and the spade queen and indicates interest in 7. South has quality extras that North doesn't know about: J♠, K♣, singleton ♦.
8. P-1♣-1♠-2♦-2♥-2♠-4♠-P 2♥ is Lebensohl. If South had rebid 2N or 3♣, North would have bid 3♠ to show a positive response with 5 spades. North's 2♠ bid shows 3-card support and a minimum reverse.